GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO JAMMU AND KASHMIR TERRORISTS IN PAKISTAN
JASKAUR MEENA

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jammu and Kashmir based terrorist outfits are being imparted training in Pakistan for anti-India activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)&(b) As part of its policy of sponsoring cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India, Pakistan has established on its territory, in Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir, and earlier in Afghanistan too, an elaborate infrastructure for the recruitment, training and indoctrination of terrorists.

(c) Government have appropriately and effectively brought to the attention of the international community facts pertaining to Pakistan`s sponsorship of cross border terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir and other parts of India. The issue has also been raised during high level meetings with foreign leaders. There is now a much wider recognition of this and of the fact that there is no justification for terrorism, which must be eradicated wherever it exists.